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Subject: **Section 106 compliance: Joshua Tree Recreational Campground project HCP, CA**

Based on the nature of the activities proposed, an Appendix B determination (requiring a record search and field survey) was made for the above project.

Prefield research and archaeological survey for this project was conducted by Archaeological Associates of Sun City, California, in January 2005, for JAT Associates. Field methods involved a pedestrian survey with transects spaced at 10-15 meter intervals within all flat areas of the project area whereas meandering transects were utilized for rugged terrain. Particular attention also focused on granitic boulders, exposures, and outcrops for signs of rockshelters, milling features or rock art. As a result, no cultural resources were identified.

With completion of field work and determination of negative findings, the project can be considered in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and can proceed as planned. The appearance of cultural properties can never be predicted with certainty, however. If cultural resources are discovered during the implementation of the project, ground disturbing activities should be halted and the Regional Archaeologist notified immediately at the address above. If the planned activities change, please let us know.

Please note that the project will be reported to the California State Historic Preservation Office in the FY2005 annual report, submitted in late 2005. A copy of the project report will be sent to you for your files.

Thank you for considering cultural resources.